

# Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 448

## February 14, 2000

The Ohio/Penn DX PacketCluster  
DX Bulletin No. 448  
BID: \$OPDX.448  
February 14, 2000  
Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW  
Provided by BARF-80 BBS Cleveland, Ohio  
Online at 440-237-8208 28.8k-1200 Baud 8/N/1

Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, K2KW, N2IM, WB2RAJ & The 59(9) DXReport, W3UR & The Daily DX, AA4NC, K4MA, N4AA & QRZ DX, N6RT, W6NL, K7WX, N7CQQ, NW7O, W8EB, K8YSE, 9G5VJ, CT1EKY, DJ5AV & DX News Letter, F6AJA & Les Nouvelles DX, G3SXW, IK1QBT, JA1ELY, LA7MFA, PT2AW, RU4SS, T93Y and VE7VR for the following DX information.

**3W, VIETNAM.** If you missed Mal, VK6LC, operating as **3W2LC** from **Ho Chi Mihn City** this past weekend, you will have another chance. Look for him to be active **February 19th and 20th**, mainly during his mornings and evenings near 14270 or 21270 kHz. QSL via VK6LC: Mal Johnson, 9 Abinger Rd., Lynwood, WA 6155, Australia.

**4X/DL/E4 OPERATION.** Charlie, N2IM, announced this past week that he will be leaving for Israel (4X) on **February 17th**. While there, he plans to be operating on 20 meters around 14175 and 14250 kHz, and if he takes his 10 meter radio, look for him around 28350 kHz. His operating times will be 1700-2300z and 0400-0600z from February 18-25th. Charlie mentions that sometime during that week, he might be operating from Palestine, and if he has an opening in his tour, look for him as E44DX or N2IM/E4. On **February 26th and 27th**, during the same time periods, look for Charlie to be operating from **Germany**.

**8P, BARBADOS.** Will/AA4NC and Jim/K4MA will be operating again from here as **8P9JB** and **8P9JA**, respectively, between **February 15-22nd**. They will be active on all bands and also plan to be in the **ARRL DX CW Contest** (next weekend) as a Multi/Single entry using the callsign **8P9JA**. Outside the contest look for Will as **8P9JB** on RTTY. QSL to home calls.

**8P, BARBADOS.** Remember to also look for Richard, G3RWL, as **8P6DR** from **February 14-28th**. He will be active on 40-6 meters, but he will be on 20-10 meters mainly during his early mornings and late evenings. The "DX News Letter" reports that after his activity, log checking will be available at: [g3rwl@amsat.org](mailto:g3rwl@amsat.org) QSL via G3RWL.

**DX REFLECTOR POSSIBLY DOWN.** Bernie, W3UR, editor of "The Daily DX" reports that Steve, KF2TI, has informed him that the DXR reflector, run by the "North Jersey DX Association", will be down for a couple of days. They are upgrading the software and hardware. Urb, W2UDC, needs some time to make the changeover.

**FG, GUADELOUPE.** The "Les Nouvelles DX" reports to look for Isabelle (YL), F5BOY, to

be active as **FG/F5BOY** from **February 26th to March 11th**. She will be active on 10, 15, 17 and 20 meters.

**FM, MARTINIQUE.** The "Les Nouvelles DX" reports that Franck/F5JOT and Daniel/F5LGQ will be signing **FM/homecall** from **March 18th through April 1st**. QSL all callsigns via F5JOT.

**FO/C, CLIPPERTON ISLAND.** Excerpts from a press release by John Kennon, N7CQQ, indicate that the "N7CQQ Amateur Radio Club, Inc.", sponsor of the "Clipperton2000 DXpedition", was very happy to introduce additional members to the "Clipperton2000" team: Charlie Hansen, N0TT; Doug Faunt, N6TQS; and Eddie Stark, EA3NY. They will join the other operators: Mike Goode, N9NS; James Brooks, 9V1YC; Jim Mornar, N9TK; Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW; Koji Fukui, JK7TKE; Willy Ruech, HB9AHL; Doug Renwink, VE5RA; Bob Allphin, K4UEE; and the host John Kennon, N7CQQ. Non traveling team members include: Doug/N6RT, Jay/W2IJ, Alex/PA1AW, and Charlie/W6KK. John reports that the team is finalized, the permit and license is in hand. The only remaining task is to assemble the team in San Diego, load the Shogun, and depart on their voyage to Clipperton. QSLs will be via N7CQQ, P. O. Box 31553, Laughlin, Nevada, USA, 89028. For additional information on the DXpedition, go to the Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/clipperton2000/> OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press release as an additional bulletin.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS.** Dave, W6NL, will operate as **HC8L** in the **2000 ARRL DX CW Contest**, from 0000z **February 19th** to 2400z **February 20th**, as a Single Operator/All Bands entry. He states that the U.S. contest exchange is 599 + the abbreviation for your state or province. Looking for his activity on 160-10 meters. The station he will be operating from is located on the **Isla San Cristobal** in the Galapagos Islands, which has also been operated by N5KO (HC8N) and N6KT (HC8A) in world championships. Also, HC8N was a Multi-Op operation during this past weekend in the RTTY contest. By the way, San Cristobal has an IOTA **SA-004** and is located in CQ Zone 10. QSL HC8L via N2AU.

**HZ, SAUDI ARABIA.** "THE 59(9) DX REPORT" reports that George, **JY9QJ**, will be going **QRT** in March or April and will be moving here soon. His activity from HZ-land will be on a limited basis. QSL via DL5MBY.

**II1, ITALY.** Operators IK1LWL, I1NVU, IK1CLP and IK1QBT will use their contest callsign **II1R** during the **ARRL CW DX Contest** as a Multi-Single effort. QSL II1R via I1NVU: Claudio Di Pietro, Via G. Galilei 424/10, 18038 Sanremo IM- Italy.

#### **IOTA NEWS.....**

- **AS-024.** Operators JF1CZQ, JF1IRW, JN1JFC and JQ1DPP will be active from **Yonaguni Island** which is included in the Yaeyama Island group. The team of JAs will be active **March 16-21th** signing with their **homecall/JR6**. Activities will be on 80-6 meters, SSB and CW usng two stations. QSL via operator's home call direct or JARL bureau. Yonaguni Island is the farthest western island of Japan and very close to BV.
- **AS-NEW AS-063.** Paul, UA4FRV, informs OPDX that he and a team are planning activity during **June and July** on 2000 from **Petra Islands (AS-063)** and **Begicheva Islands (AS-???)** which will be a new IOTA. The team, however, is looking for sponsors to help offset the estimated cost of 6,000 USD for their 7 or 8 days operation. If you are

interested and would like to help with funds for the operation, please contact Valery Gusakov, RA4FKC, for more information via E-mail at: [fk@sur.ru](mailto:fk@sur.ru)

- **EU-040.** Pedro, CT1EKY, will be active from **Berlenga Island** for one week starting **February 29th** and ending **March 6th**. His callsign will be **CT1EKY/P** or possibly a special callsign. His operation will be SSB on 10/12/15/17/20/40 and maybe 80 meters. QSL direct via his home callsign.

**J7, DOMINICA.** The "Les Nouvelles DX" reports that Franck/F5JOT and Daniel/F5LGQ will be here after their Martinique operation (see above) from **March 24-26th**. They have requested **J72JOT** and **J79LGQ** callsigns. QSL all callsigns via F5JOT.

**OX2, GREENLAND (rare prefix).** For several years a group of Danish hams have had a dream of activating Greenland on 2m, 70cm and 23cm EME. Well, they have now announced that the dream is a reality! Besides the EME operation, 6m and all HF-bands will also be operated around the clock on CW and SSB. There will be 25 operators putting on this large scale operation as **OX2K** during the period **May 29th through June 6th**. The prefix OX2 has not been in use for many years, and Greenland is exceptional on VHF-SHF and is still rare on 6m and HF. The group is, of course, looking for support because this operation will be expensive. They kindly ask the DX and EME community to support this DXpedition. For more information about EME-skeds, QSL-info, equipment, planning details and other details, visit the Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/ox2k/>

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION DX2000** will be held **July 28-30th**. The BC DX Club and the Fraser Valley DX Club invite you to attend DX2000 in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The Convention will be at the new Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel. Check DX2000's Web site for more information and downloading of registration form at: <http://www.bcdxc.org> OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press as an additional bulletin.

**PJ8, ST. MAARTEN.** Ron/ND5S, his wife Sue/KF5LG, Bill/W8EB and his wife Dorothy/W8DVC will be on their annual trip again to Dutch St. Maarten from **February 19th through March 12th**. This will make the 6th year that the gang will be operating from St. Maarten. Look for them as **PJ8/homecall**. They will be operating CW, SSB and RTTY. There is a daily schedule on 14200 kHz at 2030Z with the Michigan bunch, so if you need a contact drop in on the sked and make the arrangements. The equipment that they plan to use is an Icom 706, Yaesu FT-900CAT, FL-2100Z amplifier, KAM and AEA TNCs, and two (2) Cushcraft R-7000 verticals mounted on top of the 10 story building for the 40 through 10 meter operations plus a uniquely designed 127 foot sloper for the 160 and 80 meters activities. Also, they plan to enter the **ARRL DX Phone Contest** as **PJ8A** with W9NIP as the QSL Manager for the Contest operation. For all other contacts, please QSL via their home call sign.

**PR2, BRAZIL.** Paulo, PT2AW, has asked OPDX to remind NA stations to turn their beams south and listen for South American stations who will be active in next week's **ARRL CW Contest**. Also, look for Paulo to be active as **PR2W** as an All Band/Low Power category. QSL can be sent by the bureau, via PT2AW or via PO Box 7001 - ZC 71619-970 - Brasilia (DF) - Brazil.

**PY2, BRAZIL.** Gerard, F2JD (ex-HK3JBR, HP1XBI...) has now received the callsign **PY2ZDX**. He will still be there for **2 or more months**.

## QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- "The **XZ0A** QSL card goes to the printer next week and distribution should begin by the second week in March", states Warren, K7WX. For those who are interested, in several days the XZ0A web site will also have pictures of the low band antennas used during this operation. This area should be ready for viewing by Monday morning, February 14th. The Web page is at: <http://getnet.com/~k7wx/myanmar.htm>
- Roger/G3SXW and Nigel/G3TXF have returned from their visit to FH and S79. A total of 26,200 CW QSOs were made including 21,740 from FH and 4,460 from S79 between January 21st and February 3rd. Using two TS570Ds, two R7000 verticals and HF2V vertical, their band/QSOs count were: 160/4, 80/468, 40/3900, 30/4555, 20/2646, 17/3292, 15/2287, 12/5253 and 10/3796 (for a total of 26,201). All WARC band contacts were made by FH/G3TXF and S79TXF; and all non-WARC QSOs by FH/G3SXW and S79SXW. QSL to home calls:
  - **FH/G3TXF** and **S79TXF** - Nigel Cawthorne, G3TXF, Falcons, St. George's Avenue, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 0BS, England
  - **FH/G3SXW** and **S79SXW** - Roger Western, G3SXW, 7 Field Close, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2QD, England

Bureau cards are welcomed, via RSGB. Requests (including your callsign and QSO details) for bureau reply may be sent by E-mail to:

- FH/G3TXF or S79TXF: [g3txf@compuserve.com](mailto:g3txf@compuserve.com)
- FH/G3SXW or S79SXW: [g3sxw@compuserve.com](mailto:g3sxw@compuserve.com)
- **VR2 QSLs**. The members of Hong Kong Amateur Radio DX Association has asked that, contrary to the latest callbook information, "DXers PLEASE refrain from adding "China" or "People's Republic of China" to their envelopes for direct mailing to Hong Kong. They state that adding a reference to China routes the mail through Shanghai reaching Hong Kong with a 1 month delay or never at all. The mailing address should strictly say Hong Kong which will direct the mail on flights directly to Hong Kong.
- QSL Vit, **EZ8CW**, via his new address: Vitaly Dotsenko, P.O.BOX 73, Ashgabat, 744020, TURKMENISTAN.
- Jean Michel, F6AJA, reports that he has received the **HR5/F2JD** QSL from the printer. The direct request will be mailed soon.
- Bernie, W3UR, reports that all direct **A61AJ** requests that have been received as of February 4th, have been answered and put into the mail effective February 11th (some were sent earlier). Bureau cards will be done some time this summer.
- Boris, T93Y, QSL Manager for **T92000**, has informed the DX Community that this operation has finished on January 31st. Edin/T97M and Seki/T94MZ worked a total of 7993 QSOs which can be searched online at Boris's WEB page at: <http://www.qsl.net/t93y/> Boris states that an order for a full color QSL card has been placed, and cards will be printed in Germany. He hopes to have them in Sarajevo at the latest by mid March where he will start answering the direct cards on FIFO (First-in-first-out) basis. A list of cards that were received direct are available on the above link, and he will update the list at least once per week. It is not necessary to send new requests for the QSO(s) made after the first card has been sent because all QSOs will be confirmed on the single label. Also, note that a more secure address is available for direct requests at: Boris Knezovic, P.O. Box 59, Sarajevo BA-71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina. This address can be used as well as Boris's home address listed in the 1997-1999 CallBook which is also correct.



**S2, BANGLADESH.** By the time you read this, Andy, G4ZVJ, will be in Dhaka (as February 12th) and plans to be active **until February 21st** (currently callsign unknown). As this bulletin was being prepared there were no signs of Andy on the bands. His activity is expected to be on CW. QSL via G4ZVJ. LAST MINUTE UPDATE: Just before going to print, Andy was spotted as **S21VJ** on 10 meters CW (around 28027 at 1300z).

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.** Just a reminder to look for Kenny, K2KW, to be active as **VP5/K2KW** from **North Caicos Island (NA-002)** from **February 15-22nd**. Activity will be on all bands CW/SSB and an entry in the **ARRL CW DX Contest** as **VP5TT**. QSL both callsigns via WA4WTG.

**VP6BR, PITCAIRN ISLAND (Update).** Lech, LA7MFA, informs OPDX that Martin/ZL1ANJ and Olavi/OH5BR have been trying very hard to send Jukka/VP6BR a new linear amplifier. Unfortunately, they did not have enough time to find a suitable amplifier as the ship left for Pitcairn on Friday, February 12th. Martin has even bought an old SB1000, but it showed to be "out of order". Hopefully, they will manage to find another amplifier before the next ship leaves for Pitcairn in a few weeks. If you live in Auckland, New Zealand, or close to it, and are willing to support Jukka by lending him an old linear amplifier for his DXpedition, please contact Martin, ZL1ANJ at: [jmellis@ihug.co.nz](mailto:jmellis@ihug.co.nz) Olavi, OH5BR, is coordinating the donations for this linear project and you can reach him by E-mail at: [oh5br@sral.fi](mailto:oh5br@sral.fi) He will send instructions for payments after the next ship is found, and they are certain that the amplifier will reach Jukka in reasonable time. Without an amplifier, contacts on 160 meters will be very hard, as well as the other bands. Meanwhile, Jukka has been very active on 30/20/17/10 meters. For updates and additional information, visit the Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/oh2br/news.html>

**ZK2, NIUE.** Bill/W7TVF and Al/K7CA are very active from here on 160 meters. The two operators began their operation on **February 7th** at/around 0630z as **ZK2/K7CA** and **ZK2/W7TVF**. However, on **February 8th** they were issued the callsigns **ZK2CA** (Al) and **ZK2VF** (Bill). Since then, the two operators have been very busy. With their activity mainly on 160 meters, they have also been heard on 40/17/10 meters CW. Also, keep an eye on 6 meters (50115 kHz). QSL ZK2CA and ZK2/K7CA via NW7O: Jim Frye, 4120 Oakhill Ave, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121-6319. QSL ZK2/W7TVF and ZK2VF to Bill, W7TVF, via Call Book Address. The ZK2CA and ZK2VF Web site is available for up-to-date information at: <http://coyote.accessnv.com/ad7k/w7tvf/>

OPDX INTERNET SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST: [opdx-request@nshore.org](mailto:opdx-request@nshore.org)  
OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE):  
<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:  
<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

Excerpts and distribution of The OPDX Bulletin are granted as long as KB8NW/OPDX/BARF80 receive credit. To contribute DX info, call BARF-80 BBS online at 440-237-8208 14400/9600/2400/1200/300 and leave a message with the Sysop or send InterNet Mail to one of the two following addresses: [kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org](mailto:kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org) -or- [aq474@cleveland.freenet.edu](mailto:aq474@cleveland.freenet.edu) - OR - Send a message via packet to KB8NW @ WA8BXN.OH.USA.NA - OR - Use the VOICE or FAX answering machine at 440-237-8208 which shares the same phone line as BARF-80 BBS using a data/fax/phone switch. To access: 1) Dial Number. 2) Wait for first ring (the second ring should be a false ring from the fax/data

switch box) and then dial four quick ones ("1111"). (NOTE: Some FAX machines that send single "BEEPS" every second will not have to do this step.) 3) The phone will pick up and after the "BEEP" leave your voice message or FAX.

Tedd Mirgliotta KB8NW

InterNet: [kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org](mailto:kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org)

Basic Amateur Radio Frequency BBS (BARF-80) +1 440/237-8208

"Totally devoted to Amateur Radio" - 24 Hrs a day 8/N/1 14.4k-300 baud